GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ARMS TRAINING TO KASHMIRI YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that local unemployed Kashmiri youths are once again very serious to cross the border for arms traning ; and

(b) if so, the action plan drawn by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)
(a) The available reports indicate that while there have been efforts on the part of Pro-Pakistan Militant outfits to intimidate and lure some youths in certain parts of the State for terrorist activities the local youth have, by and large, defeated the designs of the terrorists. Proper manning of the IB & LOC has also foiled the attempting of Pak ISI to take away youths across.
(b) The Government both at the Centre and the State are taking all necessary measures to give an impetus to the development programmes in the State and to provide employment avenues to the unemployed youth.
The issue of providing employment to youths have been receiving attention of the Government. Special recruitment drives have been undertaken in the past as a result of which thousands of youths have been employed. This includes white collared jobs in Central Government Offices, Public Sector Undertakings, Banks and Insurance CompaniesSome Central PSUs have also employed people in the past through Campus recruitment. A very large number have been recruited for various Central Police Organisation (CPO) and in the Army since 1991-92. Efforts are continuing to increase the intake of youth of J&K in Central Government jobs.